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SUBJ: PLO AND THE UN

1. UN LEGAL COUNSEL SUY HAS COMPLETED HIS STUDY OF RES 3237. HIS CONCLUSIONS ARE: PLO MAY SPEAK AS OF RIGHT IN THE PLENARY, THE MAIN COMMITTEES AND ANY OTHER SUBSIDIARY ORGANS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS, INTERSESSIONAL OR OTHERWISE. WITH REGARD TO COMMITTEES OF LIMITED MEMBERSHIP THE PLO MUST REQUEST THE PERMISSION OF THE COMMITTEE CONCERNED.

2. SUY BELIEVES THESE RIGHTS OF THE PLO EXTEND ONLY TO "MATTERS IN WHICH THEY HAVE A PARTICULAR INTEREST." HE RECOGNIZES THAT IT WILL NOT BE EASY TO DRAW THE LINE, AND THAT THERE IS NO EXPRESS AUTHORITY IN THE RESOLUTION FOR DRAWING THE LINE ON THIS BASIS. HE NEVERTHELESS PLANS TO INFORM THE PLO OF THIS VIEW AND "SEE WHAT HAPPENS."

3. WITH REGARD TO UNRWA SUY SAID HE HAD RECEIVED REQUEST FROM RENNIE FOR GUIDANCE AND WOULD INFORM RENNIE
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PLO DOES NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK

OF THE ADVISORY COMMISSION BUT THAT THERE IS NO LEGAL
BARRIER TO COMMISSION INVITING PLO TO PRESENT ITS VIEWS.

4. SUY SAID PLO PEOPLE HAD ASKED HIM NUMBER OF OTHER
QUESTIONS REGARDING VISAS AND PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES
WHICH HE TOLD THEM TO TAKE UP WITH USG. SUY SAID PLO
SEEMED PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE ABOUT HAVING RECEIVED VISAS
RESTRICTING THEM TO 25-MILE RADIUS.

5. SINCE PLO HAVE INDICATED THEY WISH DISCUSS VISAS AND
RELATED ISSUES WITH MISSION AND SWISS REMAIN INTERESTED
IN HOW WE PLAN DEAL WITH MATTER, WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S
VIEWS ON THESE QUESTIONS.
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